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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF BETHEL**  
FOR THE  
Year Ending February 1st,  
**1900.**



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## Town Officers.

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### *Selectmen :*

S. B. TWITCHELL,      C. E. BARKER,      F. J. RUSSELL.

### *Clerk,*

L. T. BARKER.

### *Treasurer,*

W. W. HASTINGS.

### *Superintendent of Schools,*

E. C. BOWLER.

### *School Committee :*

MISS JANE GIBSON, C. E. VALENTINE, Z. W. BARTLETT.

### *Town Agent,*

JUDGE A. E. HERRICK.

### *Collector,*

H. H. BEAN.

### *Auditor,*

CALVIN BISBEE.

# Selectmen's Report.

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The Selectmen of Bethel would submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1900 :

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## Valuation.

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Real Estate, resident, . . . . .	\$ 560,230.00	
“ “ non-resident, . . . .	64,500.00	
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Total real estate, . . . . .		\$624,730.00
Personal estate, resident, . . . . .	\$ 170,032.00	
“ “ non-resident, . . . .	1,431.00	
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Total personal estate, . . . . .		171,463.00
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Total valuation, . . . . .		\$796,193.00

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## Statistics of Personal Estate.

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	No.	VALUE.
Horses, . . . . .	628	\$26,904.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old, . . .	18	850.00
“ 2 “ 3 “ “ . . .	17	645.00
“ 1 “ 2 “ “ . . .	20	545.00

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Cows, . . . . .	664	14,642.00
Oxen, . . . . .	30	1,470.00
3-year-olds, . . . . .	188	4,110.00
2-year-olds, . . . . .	192	2,506.00
1-year-olds, . . . . .	343	3,483.00
Sheep, . . . . .	1124	4,041.00
Swine, . . . . .	156	1,312.00
Bank Stock, . . . . .		18,170.00
Trust Co. Stock, . . . . .		1,750.00
Water Co. Stock, . . . . .		12,500.00
Money at interest, . . . . .		10,350.00
Stock in trade, . . . . .		41,775.00
Logs and Lumber, . . . . .		10,050.00
Wood and Bark, . . . . .		300.00
Bicycles, . . . . .		485.00
Carriages, . . . . .		5,100.00
Musical instruments, . . . . .		6,475.00
Materials in stock, . . . . .		1,000.00
Machinery, . . . . .		3,000.00

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### Appropriated and Assessed.

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State Tax, . . . . .	\$2,354.89
County Tax, . . . . .	1,452.17
For Schools, . . . . .	2,000.00
For building and repairing school houses, . . . . .	500.00
Text-Books, . . . . .	300.00
Highways, . . . . .	2,500.00
Support of poor, . . . . .	1,400.00
Town officers, . . . . .	1,000.00

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Miscellaneous expenses, . . . . .	1,500.00
Town debt and interest, . . . . .	2,500.00
Brown Post G. A. R., . . . . .	35.00
Overlay, . . . . .	313.69

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Total amount committed for collection, \$15,855.75

Rate per cent. of money tax, .0185.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

## Town Farm Account.

Names of inmates and number of weeks' board furnished to each :

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow age 85, . . . . .	52 weeks.
William Cook, age 40, . . . . .	52 "
Moses Robertson, age 66, . . . . .	52 "
Mrs. Emma Mason, . . . . .	10 "
William Macomber, . . . . .	12 "
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Total, . . . . .	178 "

### Appraisal of Farm and Personal Property.

Town Farm, . . . . .	\$2000.00
Personal property, . . . . .	1038.45
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Total appraisal Feb. 1, 1900, . . . . .	\$3038.45

### Town Farm Expenditures.

Appraisal of Town Farm and personal property, Feb. 1, 1899, . . . . .	\$2,934.00
Order 108, Randall Cummings, balance of salary, . . . . .	62.17

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Order 113, C. Bisbee, salary by Cummings' order, . . . . .	33.31
" 212, W. E. Abbott, milk tank, . .	15.20
" 238, Chas. Mason, fertilizer, . . .	10.50
" 252, E. Bryant, on salary, . . . .	25.00
" 262, H. H. Bean, cash for difference on oxen, . . . . .	20.00
" 290, J. S. Swan, goods for farm, .	19.28
" 297, Frank Bisbee, goods for farm, . . . . .	7.00
" 306, John A. Libby, 3 yearlings, . .	39.00
" 309 & 422, G. R. Wiley, medicines, etc., . . . . .	3.85
" 445, C. P. Bartlett, pasturing oxen, . . . . .	5.75
" 329, D. M. Smith, threshing grain, . . . . .	2.24
" 337, E. Bryant, 1 cow, . . . . .	35.00
" 340, H. B. Chapman, killing cattle, . . . . .	3.00
" 358, Charles C. Bryant, 2 pigs, . .	6.00
" 369, N. F. Brown, goods, . . . . .	6.51
" 371, C. Bisbee, goods, . . . . .	81.72
" 381, W. D. Hastings, blacksmithing, . . . . .	5.50
Part of 373, Ceylon Rowe goods, . . . .	3.25
" " 416, J. A. Thurston, goods, . . . .	13.33
Produce exchanged for goods, . . . . .	49.90
Due E. Bryant on salary, Feb. 1, 1900, .	183.34
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Total, . . . . .	\$3564.85



### Town Farm Receipts.

Appraisal of town farm property, Feb. 1,		
1900, . . . . .	\$3038.45	
Produce sold, . . . . .	49.90	
Cream checks, . . . . .	31.89	
Cattle killed by order of Cattle Com-		
missioner, . . . . .	37.50	
Hides sold—due from Eli F. Stearns, .	9.20	
Oxen sold—balance due from Eli F.		
Stearns, . . . . .	10.00	
Total receipts, . . . . .		\$3176.94
Total expenditures, . . . . .		3564.85
Balance against farm, . . . . .		\$387.91

### Poor Not on Farm.

JOHN HASSETT :		
Order 12, Dr. J.A. Twaddle, med-		
ical attendance, . . . . .		\$41.25
GEORGE BUCK :		
“ 65, Town of Paris, . . . . .	10.80	
“ 258, Town of Norway, . . . . .	39.15	49.95
LOWE CHILD :		
“ 66, Town of Paris, . . . . .		7.50
MELINDA BEAN :		
F. J. Russell, cash paid		
for rent, . . . . .		16.00

## MILLER CHILD:

P. E. Lowe, board and care, . . . . .	57.75
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## FRANK STILES:

Order 257, Town of Buckfield, . . .	176.84
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## HIRAM HIGGINS:

" 282, Mark E. Swan, board and care, . . . . .	5.00
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## JOHN ESTES:

" 296, Town of Woodstock . . .	24.26
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## GRANVILLE GLINES:

" 376, Town of Greenwood . . .	33.00
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## MRS. TAYLOR:

Part of 373, Ceylon Rowe, supplies,	6.75
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## MRS. LADD:

" 382, C. Bisbee, supplies, . . .	2.59
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## VERNE VERRILL:

Town of Oakland, . . . . .	(due)	46.39
Total . . . . .		\$467.28

## JOHN CLARK.

Burial expenses, . . . . .	35.00
Refunded by State, . . . . .	35.00

[NOTE.] About \$170.00 in the above account was paid to settle bills of 1898, that were not adjusted at time of making the last report.

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### Poor Belonging to Other Towns.

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Aid furnished Sherwood family,	6.00
Paid by town of Freeport in 1898.	
Aid furnished Rudolph Stowell, . . .	114.00
Paid by city of Portland . . . . .	

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Aid furnished A. P. Ladd, . . . . .	27.95
Paid by town of Yarmouth. . . .	

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### Insane Hospital.

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David F. Bean, . . . . .	\$ 144.86	
Mellen A. Cross, . . . . .	134.13	
Mrs. Emma Mason, . . . . .	76.25	
Expense of removing from the hospital, . . . . .	6.75	
Hattie G. Chapman, . . . . .	142.18	
Angie M. Merrill, . . . . .	86.02	
Expense in taking to the hospital, . .	16.80	
Mrs. Irene Needham, . . . . .	53.93	
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Total Expense to town, . . . . .		\$660.92
E. H. Fifield, . . . . .	\$ 136.06	
Paid by E. O. Millett, . . . . .	136.06	
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Abial Chandler, . . . . .	\$ 52.24	
Expense of taking to hospital, . . . . .	11.40	
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Due from A. J. Blake, . . . . .	\$ 63.64	

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### Lockup and Tramp Account.

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H. C. Barker, care and feed for 70 tramps, . . . . .	\$19.40
Seth Walker, 1 cord of wood, . . . . .	3.50
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	\$22.90

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By rent of lockup for 11 courts, . . . \$11.00

Balance carried to the poor bill, . . . 11.90

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 \$22.90

## PAID.

By order 109, to Seth Walker, . . . \$ 3.50

" " 444, to H. C. Barker, . . . . . 8.40

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 \$11.90

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 Total Expenses of the Poor.

Balance against farm . . . . . \$387.91

Poor not on farm . . . . . 467.28

Insane Hospital . . . . . 660.92

Tramps . . . . . 11.90

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 Total . . . . . \$1528.01

Appropriation . . . . . 1400.00

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 Excess . . . . . \$128.01

### Abatements.

George S. Chapman, poll paid in Andover, .....	\$2.00
Estate of Madison Bartlett, not able to pay, .....	5.55
Wm. Macomber, real estate, not able to pay .....	1.85
Irene Needham, real estate, not able to pay .....	1.85
Mrs. Ansina Pike, real estate, not able to pay .....	3.70
Amos Buck, poll, left town .....	2.00
W. W. Byther, poll, left town .....	2.00
Thos. H. Campbell, poll and personal, left town, .....	2.46
Estate of Howard Chapman, not collectable .....	1.98
John W. Clark, dead, .....	2.00
Geo. W. Clark, dead, .....	2.00
Samuel Chase, paid in Upton .....	2.00
Walter Davis, paid in Berlin, .....	2.00
Fred Dow, left town, .....	2.00
Andrew Dalton, left town, .....	2.00
W. J. Douglass, left town, .....	2.00
A. D. Ellingwood, left town, .....	2.46
Elmer Fisk, paid in Waterford, .....	2.00
Wm. Gill, paid in Greenwood, .....	2.00
James Gallant, left town, .....	2.00
F. B. Howe, error in valuation, .....	1.85
John Hassett, dead, .....	2.37
George Hilliard, left town, .....	2.00
J. M. Kenniston, taxed twice, .....	1.85
Joseph Lord, left town, .....	2.00

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A. W. Mason, paid at Naples, . . . . .	2.00	
A. C. Miller, unable to pay, . . . . .	2.00	
Wm. Mooney, paid at P. E. Island, . . . .	2.00	
J. Philippa, left town, . . . . .	2.00	
Oren Shaw, " " . . . . .	2.00	
George Stoven, left town, . . . . .	2.00	
Carl Svenson, not of age, . . . . .	2.00	
Philip Sampson, not found, . . . . .	2.00	
George E. Sanderson, paid in Waterford,	2.74	
Edward Taylor, left town, . . . . .	2.00	
George Thompson, " " . . . . .	2.00	
Frank Vendisman, " " . . . . .	2.00	
Chester Wheeler, paid in Auburn, . . . .	2.00	
Howard Wiley, paid in Boston, . . . . .	2.00	
Willam Carlton, not of age, . . . . .	2.00	
Charles H. Cook, paid in New Hamp- shire, . . . . .	2.00	
A. S. Bean, error in valuation,	18.50	
	<hr/>	\$107.16

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### Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1898-99.

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Order 22, S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman,	\$	21.50
" 14, C. E. Barker, " " "		90.75
" 15, F. J. Russell, " " "		79.00
" 16, W. W. Hastings, " " Treasurer,		50.00
" 3 & 62, E. C. Bowler, Supt. of Schools,		181.95
" 102, J. S. Swan, Treasurer of ministerial and school fund, . . . . .		6.00
" 398, C. M. Wormell, Road Commission- er, balance of acct. of 1898-99, . .		217.00
" 393, C. M. Wormell, Collector for 1897,		305.92
" 421, Dr. C. D. Hill, Health Officer, re-		



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Irene Needham, real estate, not able to pay . . . . .	1.85
Mrs. Ansina Pike, real estate, not able to pay . . . . .	3.70
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Philip Sampson, not found, . . . . .	2.00	
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Edward Taylor, left town, . . . . .	2.00	
George Thompson, " " . . . . .	2.00	
Frank Vendisman, " " . . . . .	2.00	
Chester Wheeler, paid in Auburn, . . . .	2.00	
Howard Wiley, paid in Boston, . . . . .	2.00	
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" 14, C. E. Barker, " " "		90.75
" 15, F. J. Russell, " " "		79.00
" 16, W. W. Hastings, " " Treasurer,		50.00
" 3 & 62, E. C. Bowler, Supt. of Schools,		181.95
" 102, J. S. Swan, Treasurer of ministerial and school fund, . . . . .		6.00
" 398, C. M. Wormell, Road Commission- er, balance of acct. of 1898-99, . .		217.00
" 393, C. M. Wormell, Collector for 1897,		305.92
" 421, Dr. C. D. Hill, Health Officer, re-		



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	porting births, deaths, and disinfecting, . . . . .	24.50
Order 418,	E. C. Park, Health Officer, . . . . .	5.00
“ 467,	C. M. Kimball, “ “ . . . . .	3.00
“ 436,	L. T. Barker, recording vital statistics and services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	23.95
“ 443,	H. C. Barker, constable service for enforcing dog law, . . . . .	5.00
“ 449,	H. H. Bean, Truant Officer, . . . . .	3.25
	Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1016.82
Appropriation, . . . . .		1000.00
	Excess of appropriation, . . . . .	<hr/> \$ 16.82

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### G. A. R.

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Appropriation for G. A. R., . . . . .	\$35.00
Paid A. S. Chapman by order, 158.	

## Highways, 1899.

Order 68,	E. L. Mason, . . . . .	\$ 5.00
" 93,	Elliot Rich, . . . . .	3.30
" 98,	J. B. Barnett, . . . . .	2.50
" 100,	E. L. Hammons, . . . . .	1.50
Part of 103,	N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	5.40
Order 111,	Jacob Annas, . . . . .	1.20
Part of 112,	Fred Gordon, . . . . .	3.60
Order 115,	G. D. Morrill, . . . . .	12.75
" 116,	A. W. Bean, . . . . .	1.80
" 117,	C. H. Kimball, . . . . .	6.45
" 118,	J. O. Estes, . . . . .	.63
" 119,	E. Bryant, . . . . .	3.45
" 120,	P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	2.85
" 123,	W. S. Hotham, . . . . .	5.17
" 125,	L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	8.00
" 130,	Freeland Bennett . . . . .	2.55
" 133,	D. N. Blake, . . . . .	2.70
Part of 135,	Clifford Wheeler, . . . . .	3.72
Order 138,	George H. Swan, . . . . .	14.10
" 140,	Payson Rich, . . . . .	9.00
" 141,	H. A. Buck, . . . . .	2.40
" 142,	Geo. A. Virgin, lumber, . . . . .	9.95
Part of 145,	A. B. Grover, . . . . .	4.01
Order 147,	V. W. Bean, . . . . .	9.48
" 149,	L. U. Bartlett, labor with road machine, . . . . .	55.00
" 150,	S. B. Twitchell, cash to L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	5.00
" 151,	C. E. Barker, labor, and cash paid, . . . . .	11.60
" 156,	W. E. Walker, . . . . .	2.70
" 159,	Chas. Pool, . . . . .	29.65

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Order	160, E. B. Heath, . . . . .	16.95
"	161, S. B. Twitchell, cash paid L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	20.00
"	162, L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	32.22
"	165, A. J. Peaslee, . . . . .	4.20
"	166, E. H. Smith, . . . . .	43.20
"	169, F. J. Russell, cash paid L. U. Bartlett, feed & board, . . . . .	28.78
"	170, D. C. Estes, . . . . .	3.15
"	171, Alfred W. Bean, . . . . .	6.78
"	172, J. O. Estes, . . . . .	3.00
"	173, W. C. & C. G. Blake, . . . . .	14.62
"	174, D. A. Coffin, . . . . .	2.25
"	175, Chas. Haskell, . . . . .	1.00
"	176, P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	1.80
"	177, S. H. Foster, . . . . .	2.17
"	178, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	3.75
"	180, James Mayconnell, . . . . .	3.45
"	181, S. H. Mayconnell, . . . . .	7.50
"	185, Z. W. Bartlett, . . . . .	22.55
"	187, Charles Pool, . . . . .	12.00
"	188, E. B. Heath, . . . . .	11.25
"	189, Chas. C. Bryant, . . . . .	4.50
"	190, C. M. Kimball, . . . . .	5.25
"	191, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	2.55
"	192, James H. Swan, . . . . .	13.25
"	193, L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	26.25
"	195, J. L. Oliver, . . . . .	3.15
"	196, Geo. H. Swan, . . . . .	12.00
"	197, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	8.30
"	198, C. G. Brown, . . . . .	4.50
"	202, F. J. Russell, cash paid for lumber, etc., . . . . .	17.56
"	203, F. J. Russell, work furnish- ed on roads, . . . . .	62.37



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Order 204,	Z. W. Bartlett, . . . . .	39.71
“ 205,	James M. Bartlett, . . . . .	10.20
“ 206,	E. B. Heath, . . . . .	4.87
“ 207,	E. H. Smith, . . . . .	4.87
“ 208,	Chas. Pool, . . . . .	4.87
“ 210,	Geo. D. Morrill, . . . . .	25.10
“ 213,	G. P. Bean, . . . . .	4.50
“ 220,	C. E. Barker, cash paid for labor, . . . . .	3.60
Part of 221,	E. Andrews, . . . . .	1.90
“ “ 222,	John Brown, . . . . .	1.90
“ “ 223,	N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	3.95
“ “ 224,	W. M. Brown, . . . . .	3.00
Order 227,	J. B. Chapman, breaking roads, . . . . .	15.75
“ 231,	L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	13.00
“ 232,	N. W. Mason, work on toll bridge, . . . . .	18.00
“ 233,	W. H. Mills, work on toll bridge, . . . . .	13.50
“ 234,	Jos. Holt, . . . . .	3.30
“ 235,	B. W. Kimball, . . . . .	12.80
“ 237,	W. W. Chase, . . . . .	1.95
Part of 239,	A. S. Bean, . . . . .	70.04
Order 243,	E. P. Grover, . . . . .	4.45
“ 245,	J. A. Chapman, . . . . .	15.00
“ 246,	Percy A. Chapman, . . . . .	4.50
“ 247,	C. L. Sanborn, . . . . .	5.20
“ 248,	B. W. Kimball, . . . . .	4.00
“ 249,	E. G. Annis, . . . . .	5.30
“ 250,	L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	15.25
“ 251,	L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	16.00
“ 260,	W. L. Chapman, . . . . .	6.10
“ 261,	Chas. Pool, . . . . .	15.00
“ 263,	H. H. Bean, . . . . .	1.03

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Order 255,	Fred F. Bean, . . . . .	5.70
“ 264,	F. L. Edwards, . . . . .	54.58
“ 265,	E. G. Annis, . . . . .	8.25
“ 266,	A. P. Burgess, . . . . .	1.00
“ 272,	Hastings Bros., supplies, .	87.66
“ 273,	John A. Chapman, work on M. B. bridge, . . . . .	14.25
Part of 274,	W. A. Holt, . . . . .	10.80
Order 276,	Hiram Twitchell, work on bridge, . . . . .	18.37
“ 277,	Hiram Twitchell, . . . . .	11.25
“ 278,	E. L. Tebbets, plank, . . .	8.08
“ 279,	S. B. Twitchell, labor fur- nished on road, . . . . .	42.25
“ 280,	J. S. Bartlett, . . . . .	13.00
Part of 281,	O. E. Buck, . . . . .	6.52
Order 283,	H. F. Maxim, . . . . .	7.27
“ 285,	C. E. Barker, cash paid, .	9.65
“ 287,	John Currie, . . . . .	3.85
“ 289,	V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	3.60
“ 291,	I. S. Morrill, . . . . .	44.10
“ 294,	H. O. Blake, . . . . .	15.50
“ 295,	E. B. Sawyer, . . . . .	1.50
“ 299,	Clark B. Caswell, water tub,	2.00
“ 300,	C. L. Swan, . . . . .	15.35
“ 301,	John F. Howe, cutting bushes, . . . . .	4.50
“ 302,	Herman Mason, . . . . .	1.57
“ 303,	A. W. Bean, . . . . .	1.00
“ 310,	Payson Rich, . . . . .	12.50
“ 312,	T. B. Burke, . . . . .	8.55
“ 314,	B. W. Kimball, cutting bushes, . . . . .	6.00
“ 315,	W. W. Chase, cutting bushes, . . . . .	6.00

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Order	316, G. E. Farrar, . . . . .	1.50
"	317, Stephen E. Cummings, ..	3.50
"	318, Maurice Bean, . . . . .	5.30
"	319, Frank A. Brown, . . . . .	3.75
"	320, John A. Chapman, . . . . .	2.25
"	325, A. S. Bean, plank, . . . . .	2.48
"	226, George A. Virgin, . . . . .	10.65
"	328, C. L. Davis, . . . . .	6.30
"	330, I. S. Morrill, plank, . . . . .	33.66
"	333, J. A. Thurston, . . . . .	9.40
"	334, C. O. Moore, . . . . .	3.30
"	335, J. A. Thurston, plank, . . . . .	60.11
"	336, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	12.00
"	339, G. L. Blake, . . . . .	3.39
"	341, I. H. Wilson, . . . . .	4.05
"	342, N. S. Stearns, . . . . .	15.55
"	343, C. F. Abbott. . . . .	11.55
"	344, N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	4.50
"	345, I. A. Cushman, . . . . .	1.95
"	346, Frank Cummings, . . . . .	12.30
Part of	347, Wm. R. Eames, . . . . .	6.90
Order	349, C. L. Abbott, Jr., . . . . .	17.50
"	351, E. A. Capen, . . . . .	1.50
"	353, C. N. Kimball, . . . . .	6.50
"	354, Hiram Twitchell, . . . . .	4.88
"	357, W. A. Farwell, . . . . .	1.80
"	360, F. J. Tyler, . . . . .	5.50
"	361, B. W. Kimball, . . . . .	2.50
"	362, Eugene Haines, . . . . .	1.05
"	363, A. C. Frost, . . . . .	3.95
"	364, L. A. Sanborn, . . . . .	12.55
"	365, N. W. Barker, . . . . .	2.55
"	366, H. E. Bartlett, . . . . .	2.00
"	253, Joseph Holt cutting bushes,	2.00
Part of	375, Hastings Bros., . . . . .	1.60



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Order	370, N. F. Brown, materials, . . .	5.69
"	372, E. S. Kilborn, " . . .	.80
"	377, E. G. Annis, . . . . .	5.25
"	378, T. L. Mabery, . . . . .	2.50
"	152, Calvin Cummings, tending ferry, . . . . .	75.00
"	157, S. B. Twitchell, freight on road machine repairs, . . .	1.70
"	163, F. C. Bartlett, road ma- chine repairs, . . . . .	13.10
"	219, George Tyler & Co., road machine repairs, . . . . .	20.00
"	244, M. M. Mason, chain for ferry boat, . . . . .	2.48
"	288, George W. Mason, work on boat and road, . . . . .	16.00
"	323, Elmer Stearns, taking out ferry boat, . . . . .	3.00
"	380, C. C. Bean, . . . . .	6.05
"	182, Geo. Tyler & Co. road ma- chine repairs, . . . . .	12.50
"	383, E. A. Verrill, . . . . .	2.00
"	413, D. N. Blake, . . . . .	4.18
"	414, H. N. Upton, . . . . .	4.04
"	415, J. A. Thurston, . . . . .	6.00
"	408, A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge, . . . . .	25.10
"	420, I. S. Morrill, . . . . .	5.00
"	423, James Swan, . . . . .	3.50
"	424, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	7.80
"	425, C. M. Kimball, . . . . .	3.00
"	426, C. S. Brown, . . . . .	3.00
"	427, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	1.50
"	428, V. W. Bean, . . . . .	2.70
"	429, C. L. Swan, . . . . .	6.00

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Order 430, B. W. Kimball, . . . . .	7.50
“ 431, J. A. Libby, . . . . .	7.50
“ 432, W. W. Chase, . . . . .	2.25
“ 433, L. H. Tyler, . . . . .	37.95
“ 434, G. D. Morrill, . . . . .	36.90
“ 435, W. D. Mills, repairs to boat and road machine, . . . . .	19.50
“ 440, C. L. Abbott, Jr., . . . . .	20.30
“ 441, Sewell Lyon, . . . . .	9.00
“ 437, E. W. Barker, snowing bridge and work on road, . . . . .	22.00
“ 446, Fred F. Bean, . . . . .	7.50
“ 447, Aurelius Stevens, . . . . .	1.50
“ 448, Daniel Glines, . . . . .	.75
“ 450, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	3.62
“ 451, J. F. Howe, . . . . .	3.30
“ 452, Fred E. Gordon, . . . . .	2.70
“ 453, Alphonso W. Bean, . . . . .	2.42
“ 472, Elliot I. Estes, abatement for care of road, . . . . .	10.27
“ 473, A. J. & C. O. Peare, abate- ment for care of road, . . . . .	25.52
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Total, . . . . .	\$2137.69
Appropriation, . . . . .	2500.00
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Unexpended, . . . . . \$362.31

Estimated outstanding highway bills to Feb. 12,  
1900, . . . . . \$150.00.



## Schools.

Raised by the town, . . . . .	\$2000.00
State school and mill tax, . . . . .	1246.40
Received from Gilead, tuition, . . . . .	30.00
"    "    School Fund, . . . . .	30.00
Due    "    Milton,    "    . . . . .	60.00
Reported unexpended last year, . . . . .	307.40
"    due for janitor services last year, (undrawn), . . . . .	25.23
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Total amount available for 1899, . . . . .	\$3699.03

Orders have been drawn as follows :

For teachers' wages, . . . . .	\$2625.95
Town of Woodstock, tuition, . . . . .	46.30
"    "    Greenwood,    "    . . . . .	42.50
For janitor services, . . . . .	125.68
"    cleaning school houses, . . . . .	30.30
"    fuel, . . . . .	187.82
"    transportation of scholars, . . . . .	628.47
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Total, . . . . .	\$3687.02
Unexpended, . . . . .	12.01

## Text Books.

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$ 300.00
Received for books sold, . . . . .	4.42
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Total, . . . . .	\$ 304.42
Orders drawn for books, . . . . .	282.15
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Unexpended, . . . . .	\$22.27

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**Buildings and Repairs.**

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Appropriation, . . . . .	\$ 500.00
Unexpended last year, . . . . .	26.82
Received from sale of school houses, .	179.00
Due from E. S. Mason, . . . . .	10.00

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Total, . . . . .	\$ 715.82
Orders drawn for repairs, . . . . .	\$ 50.34
“ “ “ new school houses, ..	986.33

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Total, . . . . .	\$1036.67
Excess of appropriation, . . . . .	320.85

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**Abatement 1899.**

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Order 476, Bethel Water Co., by vote of town . . . . .	\$ 231.25
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### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Order	1.	A. W. Grover and others ballot clerks, . . . . .	\$8.00
"	35.	News Pub. Co., printing town reports, . . . . .	66.00
"	73.	Dr. C. D. Hill, vaccinating, . . . . .	29.00
"	126.	Bethel Savings Bank, rent of hall and office, . . . . .	60.00
"	148.	George W. Tibbetts, road machine, purchased by Wormell, repairs and Int. . . . .	220.00
"	155.	News Pub. Co., printing notices, etc., . . . . .	12.95
"	168.	S. B. Twitchell, cash paid for printing check list, . . . . .	2.00
"	209.	Charles B. Gifford, surveying for sewer, . . . . .	40.00
"	241.	Alice M. Barker, copying, . . . . .	5.00
"	298.	F. B. Howe, ballott clerk, . . . . .	2.00
"	308.	G. R. Wiley, blank books, etc., . . . . .	16.14
"	359.	C. H. Chute, boarding surveyor of sewer, . . . . .	2.50
"	379.	S. B. Twitchell, cash for blank books, . . . . .	.90
"	419.	Herrick & Park, attorney's fee for 1898-99, . . . . .	65.63
"	417.	E. C. Park, election clerk, . . . . .	2.00
"	438.	A. W. Grover, ballot clerk, services in making statements for State Aid pensioners, . . . . .	12.00

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Order 439.	S. B. Twitchell, cash ex-	
	penses, . . . . .	11.17
" 464.	E.C.Bowler, cash expenses,	8.83
" 469.	Wm. C. Chapman, pr.	
	blocks and chain, . . . . .	7.02
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Total . . . . .		\$571.14

## HIGHWAY BILLS PAID FOR 1897.

Order 2.	John L. Holt, labor, . . . . .	\$5.74
Part of 225.	Geo. C. Mason, labor, . . . . .	15.45
Order 107.	H. M. Verrill, labor, . . . . .	1.50
" 394.	A. B. Grover, labor, (indorsed by C. M. Wormell, highway surveyer.) . . . . .	29.52
" 395.	Geo. F. Lapham, labor, . . . . .	12.00
" 396.	C. M. Wormell, work and cash paid as highway surveyor	49.85
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Total, . . . . .		\$114.06

## HIGHWAYS 1898-99.

Bills contracted and approved by C. M. Wormell, Road Commissioner.

Order 5,	E. B. Heath, . . . . .	2.50
" 6,	G.H. Seavey, . . . . .	7.80
" 7,	R. F. Cross, . . . . .	8.40
" 8,	M. S. Coburn, . . . . .	7.50
" 9,	Martin A. Stowell, . . . . .	6.62
" 10,	Hastings Bros, . . . . .	5.81
" 11,	E. N. Stowell, . . . . .	3.00
" 17,	I. A. Cushman, . . . . .	15.48
" 18,	E. W. Barker, . . . . .	22.00
" 19,	H. C. Chase, . . . . .	3.75
" 20,	E. A. Capen, . . . . .	2.70

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Order	21, S. H. Foster, . . . . .	1.00
"	23, C. H. Kimball, . . . . .	6.00
"	24, V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	7.20
"	25, James Mayconnell, . . . . .	3.60
"	26, E. E. Chase, . . . . .	1.50
"	27, John F. Howe, . . . . .	7.80
"	28, D. C. Estes, . . . . .	4.42
"	29, E. F. Cushman, . . . . .	2.90
"	30, L. D. Grover, . . . . .	2.50
"	31, T. H. Mayconnell, . . . . .	4.50
"	32, Joseph Holt, . . . . .	6.67
"	33, H. E. Bartlett, . . . . .	2.00
"	34, A. W. Bean, . . . . .	3.23
"	36, H. O. Blake, . . . . .	3.82
"	37, J. M. Bartlett, . . . . .	3.75
"	38, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	4.20
"	39, C. S. Brown, . . . . .	4.20
"	40, E. S. Bean, . . . . .	4.20
"	41, A. M. Carter, . . . . .	2.25
"	42, C. W. Godwin, . . . . .	6.08
"	43, C. C. Eames, . . . . .	3.60
"	44, Eliot Rich, . . . . .	8.40
"	45, H. H. Bean, . . . . .	1.04
"	46, W. C. & C. G. Blake, . . . . .	3.00
"	47, E. P. Bennett, . . . . .	10.15
"	48, A. B. Richardson, . . . . .	1.20
"	49, J. O. Estes, . . . . .	7.92
"	50, R. R. Maybery, . . . . .	5.25
"	51, I. L. Maybery, . . . . .	4.50
"	52, F. F. Bean, . . . . .	3.15
"	53, Hiram Twitchell, . . . . .	2.70
"	54, Z. W. Bartlett, . . . . .	4.87
"	55, John Murphy, . . . . .	2.25
"	56, E. L. Tebbets, . . . . .	1.40
"	57, H. R. Godwin, . . . . .	7.95

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Order	58, N. W. Barker, . . . . .	2.15
"	59, A. B. Tyler, . . . . .	1.50
"	60, J. L. Oliver, . . . . .	4.70
"	61, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	7.00
"	63, A. F. Copeland, . . . . .	.37
"	64, A. W. Grover, . . . . .	2.75
"	69, G. B. Mills, . . . . .	2.25
"	70, S. J. Walker, . . . . .	3.30
"	71, Geo. E. Osgood, . . . . .	5.30
"	72, J.M. Philbrook, . . . . .	11.00
"	74, G. H. Swan, . . . . .	7.65
"	75, John Hapgood, . . . . .	5.00
"	76, E. A. Kimball, . . . . .	4.72
"	78, H. H. Hutchins, . . . . .	2.10
"	79, H. A. Buck, . . . . .	3.45
"	80, O. R. Stanley, . . . . .	3.45
"	81, F. J. Russell, . . . . .	1.65
"	82, T. B. Burk, . . . . .	9.15
"	83, C. F. Abbott, . . . . .	3.60
"	84, D. C. Estes, . . . . .	3.40
"	85, J. M. Bartlett, . . . . .	9.30
"	86, Z. W. Bartlett, . . . . .	5.47
"	87, I. I. Young., . . . . .	3.15
"	88, Chas. Dunham, . . . . .	4.25
"	89, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	6.08
"	90, C. S. Brown, . . . . .	6.55
"	91, Eugene Bean, . . . . .	6.55
"	92, D. B. Hall, . . . . .	12.50
"	95, Paul Jodrey, . . . . .	1.50
"	96, George S. Chapman, . . . . .	2.50
"	97, J. B. Barnett, . . . . .	1.50
"	101, Ernest Demeritt, . . . . .	1.35
Part of	103, N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	5.35
Order	99, Fred C. Bean, . . . . .	9.30
"	104, G. E. Aldrich, . . . . .	3.00



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Order 105, E. G. Young, . . . . .	10.57
“ 106, Seth Mason, . . . . .	4.15
“ 112, Fred Gordon, . . . . .	2.10
“ 121, C. R. Bartlett, . . . . .	12.45
“ 122, A. J. Peaslee, . . . . .	5.90
“ 124, L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	38.75
“ 131, C. F. Shaw, . . . . .	3.05
“ 132, D. N. Blake, . . . . .	1.20
“ 134, Warren C. Small, . . . . .	3.30
Part of 135, Clifford Wheeler, . . . . .	3.23
Order 137, A. J. Smith, . . . . .	1.35
“ 139, E. F. Brown, . . . . .	3.15
“ 143, J. S. Hutchins, . . . . .	3.00
“ 144, W. S. Hotham, . . . . .	4.61
Part of 145, A. B. Grover, . . . . .	4.65
Order 146, V. W. Bean, . . . . .	25.44
“ 164, Freeland Bennett, . . . . .	6.10
“ 179, R. D. Cummings, . . . . .	3.45
“ 183, F. B. Howe, . . . . .	.75
“ 184, S. F. Estes, . . . . .	4.95
“ 199, Geo. C. Ames, . . . . .	1.80
“ 200, E. Bryant, . . . . .	6.98
“ 201, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	2.40
“ 211, J. H. Swan, . . . . .	4.80
“ 218, J. M. Kennerson, . . . . .	9.32
Part of 221, E. Andrews, . . . . .	2.65
“ 222, John Brown, . . . . .	2.40
“ 224, W. M. Brown, . . . . .	1.50
“ 225, G. C. Mason, . . . . .	2.10
Order 226, G. C. Mason, . . . . .	12.60
“ 229, L. U. Bartlett, . . . . .	9.45
“ 236, C. M. Kimball, . . . . .	4.80
Part of 239, A. S. Bean, . . . . .	40.18
Order 240, Geo. H. Goodnow, . . . . .	4.20
Part of 274, W. A. Holt, . . . . .	4.20

Part of 281, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	2.10
Order 286, John L. Holt, . . . . .	16.00
“ 324, Geo. A. Chapman, . . . . .	10.00
“ 329, Wm. E. Littlehale, . . . . .	1.50
“ 331, J. A. Thurston, . . . . .	8.25
“ 332, C. O. Moore, . . . . .	4.15
Part of 347, Wm. R. Eames, . . . . .	2.70
Order 350, N. W. Ethridge, . . . . .	2.00
“ 477, E. A. Smith, . . . . .	3.75
“ 478, Geo. W. Mason, . . . . .	3.15
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Total, . . . . .	\$702.73
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Total, . . . . .	\$1387.93
Appropriation, . . . . .	1500.00
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Unexpended, . . . . .	\$ 112.07

### Ministerial and School Fund.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Fund, submits the following report:

Funds received from J. S. Swan, the former Treasurer, March 1st, 1899.

Secured notes for. . . . .	\$716.10
Unsecured “ “ . . . . .	800.00
Cash, . . . . .	300.00

Total, . . . . .	\$1816.00
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There is now in my hands:

Secured notes for. . . . .	\$816.10
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One unsecured note for .....	600.00
Deposit at Bethel Savings Bank, .....	458.98

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Total, .....	\$1875.08
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There has been collected on the above securities, the past year, .....	\$158.98
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Amounts have been paid to the different societies as follows:

Universalist, .....	\$ 20.72
Methodist, .....	21.00
Congregationalist, .....	15.40
Baptist, .....	8.26
Union, .....	4.62
School Fund, .....	30.00

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\$100.00

All of which is submitted,

S. B. TWITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

### Town Officers' Bills Due for 1899-1900.

S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman,	100.50	
C. E. Barker, services as Selectman, ..	81.00	
F. J. Russell, services as Selectman, ....	49.87	
E. C. Bowler, services as Superintendent of Schools .....	149.00	
E. C. Bowler, expenses for team, .....	33.00	
W. W. Hastings, services as Treasurer, ....	50.00	
S. B. Twitchell, Treasurer of Minister- ial and School Fund, ....	6.00	
Calvin Bisbee, services as auditor, ....	6.00	
		475.37
S. B. Twitchell, Road Commissioner, ....	\$36.50	
C. E. Barker, Road Commissioner, .....	32.20	
F. J. Russell, Road Commissioner, .....	72.56	
		141.26
Total, .....		\$616.63

### Financial Standing of the Town.

#### LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at four per cent .....	\$30,000.00
Notes outstanding at four per cent. ...	4,600.00
Orders outstanding, .....	427.82
Town officers' bills due, .....	616.63
Due Ephriam Bryant to Feb. 1, 1900,	183.34
School money undrawn, .....	12.01

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Due tax collector, . . . . .	225.00
Other bills estimated, . . . . .	200.00
Estimated abatements for 1899, . . . . .	75.00
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Total liabilities, . . . . .	\$36,333.80

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, . . . . .	\$596.91
Due from H. H. Bean, collector, . . . . .	6665.27
Value of Town Farm and stock, . . . . .	3038.45
Investment in Chair Factory, . . . . .	4000.00
Investment in Corn Shop, . . . . .	2500.00
Investment in lock-up, . . . . .	500.00
Due from Bethel Chair Co., . . . . .	300.00
Rord machines and tools, . . . . .	200.00
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Total assets, . . . . .	\$17,800.63

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. TWITCHELL,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bethel.</i>
C. E. BARKER,		
F. J. RUSSELL,		

Bethel, Maine, Feb'y 19, 1900.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accts. of the Selectmen and Assessors for the town of Bethel, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1900, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

C. BISBEE, *Auditor.*

## Treasurer's Report.

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1899.

Feb. 18,	To balance on hand, . . . . .	205.39
" 22,	Rec'd from town of Madison,	5.25
Mar. 7,	" " E. C. Bowler acct. Chandler Hill school house sold . . . . .	10.00
Apr. 15,	" " F. M. Simpson, dog license, 1898, . . . . .	114.99
Mar. 3,	" " City of Portland, acct. Rudolph Stow- ell, . . . . .	114.00
June 7,	" " S.B. Twitchell, acct. show license, . . . . .	3.00
Aug. 29,	" " L. T. Barker acct. dog tax, 1899, . . . . .	130.00
Sept. 2,	" " L. T. Barker acct. dog tax, 1899, . . . . .	2.00
" 12,	" " Venders' license, . . . . .	6.00
Oct. 7,	" " S. B. Twitchell acct. Poor Farm, . . . . .	31.89
Oct. 7,	" " E. C. Bowler, acct. Middle Intervale school house sold, . . . . .	20.00



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Oct.	21,	Rec'd from E. L. Tebbets acct.	
		Bethel Chair Co.	
		rent, . . . . .	50.00
Nov.	10,	" " J. & E. A. Wyman	
		acct. corn shop, . . .	150.00
"	24,	" " Bethel Light Co.,	
		acct. entering sewer,	2.00
Dec.	12,	" " Town of Gilead acct.	
		tuition, . . . . .	30.00
Dec.	28,	" " S. B. Twitchell as-	
		signee acct. Bethel	
		Chair Co., rent from	
		Oct. 17, 1899 to	
		Jan. 1, 1900 .	62.50
Jan.	8, 1900,	Town of Yarmouth, acct.	
		Ladd family, . . . . .	27.95
Jan.	27,	Rec'd from State Treasurer,	
		acct. Railroad and	
		Telegraph tax, 1899,	15.08
Jan.	27,	" " State Treasurer	
		acct. pensions, . . . . .	276.00
Jan.	27,	" " State Treasurer	
		acct. School fund and	
		Mill tax, 1899, . . . . .	1246.40
Feb.	6,	" " Poor Farm acct.,	
		cattle slaughtered,	37.50
Feb.	9,	" " S. B. Twitchell	
		acct. Ministerial and	
		School fund, . . . . .	30.00
"	12,	" " E. C. Bowler acct.,	
		sale of text books, .	4.42
"	12,	" " E. C. Bowler acct.,	
		sale of Mason school	
		house, . . . . .	50.00
"	12,	" " E. C. Bowler acct.,	

		sale N. W. Bethel school house, . . . . .	15.00
Feb. 12,	Rec'd from	E. C. Bowler acct., sale of Grover Hill school house, . . . . .	4.00
" 12,	"	" S. B. Twitchell acct., hides sold, . . . . .	9.75
" 12,	"	" S. B. Twitchell, dif- ference in oxen at Poor Farm, . . . . .	10.00
" 12,	"	" E. O. Millett acct., E. H. Fifield, . . . . .	136.06
" 14,	"	" Cash order over- drawn, . . . . .	7.00
" 14,	"	" F. M. Simpson acct., burial of soldiers, . . . . .	35.00
" 14,	"	" D. H. Grover acct., liquors sold, . . . . .	887.54
" 14,	"	" C. M. Wormell acct., taxes, . . . . .	829.75
" 14,	"	" H. H. Bean acct., taxes, . . . . .	14,893.25
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			19,451.72

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By	paid insane bills, . . . . .	\$ 825.67
"	" pensions, . . . . .	276.00
"	" coupons, . . . . .	1270.00
"	" J. W. Wakefield, account liquors, . . . . .	587.55
"	" Bethel Water Co. acct. Beth- el Chair Co., water tax, . . . . .	25.00
"	" town of Newry, taxes, 1899, . . . . .	4.50
"	" on Hapgood note, . . . . .	400.00
"	" " " interest, . . . . .	37.94

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By paid Sanborn, interest, . . . . .	80.00
“ “ County tax, . . . . .	1452.17
“ “ State tax, . . . . .	2354.89
“ “ State Treas. acct. dog tax, 1899, . . . . .	130.00
“ “ cancelled orders, . . . . .	11,408.09
“ “ stamps and cards, . . . . .	3.00
“ Cash on hand to balance, . . . . .	596.91
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	\$19,451.72

W. W. HASTINGS, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account of W. W. Hastings, Treasurer of the town of Bethel, and believe the same to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN BISBEE,  
Bethel, Feb'y 16, 1900. *Auditor for Town of Bethel.*



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## Report of Board of Health.

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The past year has been one of an average degree of good health in town. There have been 31 deaths, mostly among persons of advanced age, and from the following causes, viz: Apoplexy 6, pneumonia 3, consumption 4, cancer 4, old age 3, heart disease 2, laryngitis 1, suicide 1, gastric ulcer 1, rheumatism 1, cholera infantum 1, result of burns 1, Bright's disease 1, diabetes 1, bronchitis 1.

Thirty-seven children were born, 21 male, 16 female ; of these, two were still-born.

Scarlet fever in a mild form became epidemic at West Bethel, during the spring months. One case occurred at East Bethel and one at Bethel village, in all 15 cases ; no deaths directly attributable to this disease. Not a case of typhoid fever or other infectious or contagious disease except a few cases of measles, tuberculosis (consumption), and for a short time, a large number, of influenza. But of direct interest in this connection, on account of the danger to human life, was the prevalence, though limited, of glanders and tuberculosis in animals. A number of horses affected by glanders, have been killed and stables properly disinfected. A still larger number of tuberculosis in cattle have been found and the animals destroyed. We note with gratification, that owners of cattle are alive to the importance of having their herds tested properly—otherwise it is not safe to use the beef or dairy products.

Nuisances reported, were abated so far as practicable.



While the present want of sewerage exists many nuisances cannot well be prevented. We can only repeat our annual warning regarding the necessity of a sewerage system. Should some disease, directly due to this neglect, break out in the village, we hope the citizens will do us the justice to remember how many times we have urged action in this direction. While the same need for free vaccination, as last year, does not exist, yet in accordance with law the usual provisions will be made.

C. D. HILL, M. D., *Chairman*,  
E. C. PARK, *Sec'y*,  
C. M. KIMBALL.

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## Superintendent's Report.

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*To the Citizens of Bethel :*

Your Superintendent of Schools respectfully submits the following report of the schools of the town of Bethel for the past year, for your consideration :

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### FINANCIAL.

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#### School Fund Account.

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To amount appropriated by town, . . .	\$2000.00
“ “ of State School Fund and Mill tax, . . . . .	1246.40
“ “ received from Gilead, . . . .	30.00
“ “ due from Milton Planta- tion, . . . . .	60.00
“ “ received from Ministerial and School fund, . . . . .	30.00
“ “ unexpended last year, . . . .	307.40
“ “ reported due for janitor services last year, but not drawn. . . . .	25.23

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Total Amt. available for 1899.	\$3699.03
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By paid for teaching as follows:

Ethel Hammons, . . . .	\$ 15.00
Porter Swan, . . . . .	33.00
Helen Richardson, . . .	54.00
L. W. Elkins, . . . . .	117.00
Nettie Williams, . . . .	67.50
Lillian Kimball, . . . .	67.50
Martha Gibson, . . . . .	67.50
Alice Russell, . . . . .	49.50
Edith Douglas, . . . . .	49.50
Mary C. Chapman, . . .	58.50
Ethel Richardson, . . . .	49.50
Walter Holmes, . . . .	49.50
Eva Twaddle, . . . . .	49.50
Ethel Hammons, . . . .	53.50
Bertha Wiley, . . . . .	63.00
E. P. Goodwin, . . . . .	143.00
Edith Abbott, . . . . .	60.50
Martha A. Gibson, . . .	82.50
Lillian Kimball, . . . .	82.50
Ethel Hammons, . . . .	82.50
Ethel Richardson, . . .	60.50
Cora Farwell, . . . . .	78.10
Alice Russell, . . . . .	60.50
Mary Chapman, . . . . .	71.50
Ruby Clark, . . . . .	82.50
Edith Douglas, . . . . .	49.50
W. A. Twaddle, . . . . .	33.00
Eva Twaddle, . . . . .	60.50
Alice Russell, . . . . .	17.25
E. P. Goodwin, . . . . .	117.00
Beatrice Kelliher, . . . .	28.60
Lillian Kimball, . . . .	67.50
Ruby Clark, . . . . .	67.50

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Martha A. Gibson. . . .	67.50	
Ethel Richardson, . . . .	49.50	
W. A. Twaddle, . . . . .	49.50	
Cora H. Farwell, . . . . .	63.00	
Mabel Shaw, . . . . .	49.50	
Ellen Douglas, . . . . .	49.50	
Edith Abbott, . . . . .	49.50	
Ethel Hammons, . . . . .	67.50	
Mary Chapman, . . . . .	58.50	
Cleo Russell, . . . . .	33.00	\$2625.95

By paid tuition as follows :

Town of Greenwood for		
1898, . . . . .	\$35.00	
Town of Woodstock,		
1897, . . . . .	5.00	
Town of Greenwood,		
1999, . . . . .	7.50	
Town of Woodstock,		
1899, . . . . .	41.30	88.80

By paid for janitor services as follows :

Chester Bean, . . . . .	\$13.50	
S. F. Littlehale, . . . . .	43.78	
Ethel Hammons, . . . . .	2.00	
Alice Russell, . . . . .	2.75	
Walter Holmes, . . . . .	22.00	
Willis Chase, . . . . .	1.80	
Walter Holmes, . . . . .	27.00	
Ernest Rollins, . . . . .	2.00	
Levi Brown, . . . . .	1.80	
Stephen Abbott, . . . . .	1.50	
Edwin York, . . . . .	1.50	
Willie Brooks, . . . . .	1.80	
Cleo Russell, . . . . .	2.25	
W. A. Twaddle, . . . . .	2.00	\$125.68

By paid for cleaning school houses as follows :

Mrs. A. Heath, . . . . .	\$10.80	
Cora Farwell, . . . . .	2.00	
S. J. Walker, . . . . .	1.75	
O. A. Buck, . . . . .	1.50	
Mrs. L. E. Allen, . . . . .	2.50	
Mrs. L. A. York, . . . . .	2.00	
Isaac Cushman, . . . . .	2.25	
Mrs. J. H. Swan, . . . . .	3.00	
W. W. Holmes, . . . . .	3.50	
Mrs. G. W. Mason, . . . . .	1.00	30.30

By paid for fuel :

E. M. Smith, . . . . .	3.00	
F. J. Philbrook, . . . . .	6.50	
N. S. Stearns, . . . . .	3.50	
Elliot Rich, . . . . .	45.60	
J. M. Bartlett, . . . . .	12.00	
Chas. A. Capen, . . . . .	9.60	
M. S. Coburn, . . . . .	5.50	
N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	9.00	
A. S. Bean, . . . . .	2.25	
W. H. Merrill, . . . . .	1.25	
J. S. Hutchins, . . . . .	8.75	
I. S. Morrill, . . . . .	6.50	
E. M. Carter, . . . . .	5.25	
N. S. Stearns, . . . . .	8.12	
L. A. York, . . . . .	7.25	
N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	1.00	
W. C. & C. G. Blake, . . . . .	11.00	
C. L. Abbott, . . . . .	11.63	
O. A. Buck, . . . . .	9.00	
C. L. Abbott, . . . . .	17.50	
J. F. Hapgood, . . . . .	2.62	
Z. W. Bartlett, . . . . .	1.00	\$187.82



By paid for conveying scholars :

P. C. Thomas, .....	\$16.00	
V. G. Verrill, .....	10.50	
T. B. Burk, .....	16.66	
Eva Twaddle, .....	15.75	
B. N. Chapman, .....	9.00	
A. P. Burgess, .....	18.00	
W. T. Gunther, .....	15.75	
Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, .....	18.00	
S. Mayconnell, .....	15.00	
C. L. Swan, .....	9.00	
W. A. Emery, .....	49.50	
V. P. Adamson, .....	13.50	
P. C. Thomas, .....	14.00	
W. T. Gunther, .....	19.25	
Mrs. A. J. McAllister, .....	10.00	
Amma Emery, .....	61.50	
J. M. Bartlett, .....	27.50	
A. P. Burgess, .....	22.00	
Mrs. D. M. Smith, .....	50.00	
V. P. Adamson, .....	16.50	
T. B. Burk, .....	18.00	
Frank Estes, .....	30.00	
W. T. Gunther, .....	15.75	
W. A. Emery, .....	49.50	
J. A. Thurston, .....	9.00	
F. B. Howe, .....	18.00	
V. P. Adamson, .....	13.50	
Jas. Mayconnell, .....	16.00	
F. C. Bean, .....	18.00	
T. B. Burk, .....	5.31	
C. L. Swan, .....	8.00	628.47
Total .....		\$3687.02
Unexpended, .....		12.01



### Text Books and Supplies.

#### DR.

To amount appropriated by town, . . .	\$ 300.00
“ “ rec'd from sale of books, . . .	4.42
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Total . . . . .	\$304.42

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By paid Mrs. D. A. Gammon, . . . . .	\$ 3.50	
“ “ I. W. Bean, . . . . .	8.00	
“ “ E. C. Bowler, . . . . .	5.00	
“ “ Hastings Bros., . . . . .	2.65	
“ “ D. Appleton & Co., . . . . .	10 50	
“ “ G. R. Wiley, . . . . .	10.50	
“ “ G. A. Miller, . . . . .	10.00	
“ “ A. G. Lary, . . . . .	3.75	
“ “ J. L. Hammett, . . . . .	4.50	
“ “ Ginn & Co., . . . . .	145.62	
“ “ Werner Co., . . . . .	4.80	
“ “ Edward E. Babb, . . . . .	26.35	
“ “ D. H. Knowlton, . . . . .	2.00	
“ “ Boston School Supply House, .	15.57	
“ “ Hope Publishing Co., . . . . .	4.32	
“ “ D. C. Heath & Co. . . . .	10.00	
“ “ Grand Trunk R. R. (freight),	14.39	
“ “ W. H. Tracy, . . . . .	.70	
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Unexpended, . . . . .		<hr/> \$22.27

School Buildings Account.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town, . . . . .	\$ 500.00
“ “ unexpended last year, . . . . .	26.82
“ “ received from sale of school houses as follows :	
Steam Mill house, . . . . .	80.00
Chandler Hill house, . . . . .	10.00
Middle Intervale house, . . . . .	20.00
Grover Hill “ . . . . .	4.00
Mason District “ . . . . .	50.00
Northwest Bethel “ . . . . .	15.00
Due from E. S. Mason on North- west Bethel house, . . . . .	10.00

Total amount available, . . . . . 715.82

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By paid for repairs as follows :

N. F. Swan, . . . . .	\$ 3.70
Hastings Bros., . . . . .	29.48
H. C. Barker, . . . . .	.90
Walter Holmes, . . . . .	2.80
Bethel Chair Co., table and chairs, . . . . .	8.50
S. L. Mason, . . . . .	1.00
N. F. Brown, . . . . .	4.96

Total, . . . . . \$ 50.34

By paid for new buildings as follows :

F. B. Howe, per contract for two houses, . . . . .	\$ 654.00
R. E. Richardson, lot at N. W. Bethel, . . . . .	15.75
Fred Gordon, labor and team, . . . . .	2.50

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J. C. Smith, labor on foundation at N. W. Bethel, .	7.30	
H. R. Chapman, labor on foundation at N. W. Bethel, . . . . .	1.50	
H. E. Bartlett, labor on foundations, . . . . .	34.50	
W. W. Chase, labor on lot and foundation at Middle Intervale, . . . . .	11.26	
W. A. Emery, moving seats, .	3.25	
G. A. Chapman, brick, N. W. Bethel, . . . . .	9.00	
I. S. Morrill, lumber for shed, N. W. Bethel, . . . . .	8.44	
G. T. R., freight on desks, .	11.52	
Ohio Rake Co., desks, . . . . .	87.50	
S. L. Mason, building shed at N. W. Bethel, . . . . .	44.57	
F. B. Howe, building shed at Middle Intervale, . . . . .	46.50	
F. J. Russell, hauling brick, .	7.75	
J. U. Purington, lime and cement, . . . . .	4.87	
J. L. Hammett, slate blackboards, . . . . .	22.09	
E. C. Bowler, cash expenses and labor, . . . . .	12.00	
E. S. Kilborn, fence posts, .	2.03	
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Total, . . . . .	986.33	
Total amount for repairs and new buildings, . . . . .	\$1036.67	
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Excess, . . . . .		\$320.85

### Our Schools.

The schools throughout the town have run during the past year with very little friction, and hence the results that have been accomplished, are exceedingly gratifying; and while the schools of Bethel are not by any manner of means, all that we may hope for, yet it has given your superintendent pleasure to note the steady progress that has been made during the two years that he has been familiar with their workings.

It has been the purpose of the school officers to make as few changes among the teachers as possible, and to the fact that many of our teachers have remained in the same school from term to term, is due largely the successful results that have been accomplished.

I am aware that it is all very natural for superintendents to speak of their schools as being successful; we look for such a claim, we expect it, and we invariably find it; but such a statement is made here, not because it is customary to make such a claim the backbone of all reports, not because of any desire to please the teachers, pupils or parents, not because it will occasion the bestowal of any commendation upon the school committee or superintendent, but because duty requires me to state frankly to the citizens of Bethel, in this report, the true condition of our schools; and when I state that our schools have made steady progress, I base that claim upon the visible, tangible results that have been accomplished, and which may be seen and appreciated by anyone who is at all in touch with the schools.

Primarily the teachers are responsible for this growth; they have shown a marked interest in their work, educational journals have been studied, teachers' meetings have been attended, suggestions have been taken kindly, and no effort on their part has been spared for self-improvement, nor have these efforts been spent in vain. Their in-



terest has not only been shown by their energy for self-improvement, and their untiring efforts in the school room, but they have been alive to the necessity of more and better school appliances, and have been equal to the occasion of securing, by the aid of the parents and pupils, some of the things that have been most needed. It may be interesting to know that over \$300.00 has been raised for this purpose during the past two years by the schools of Bethel.

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The local teachers' meetings have proven of positive value to our teachers. Meetings have been held three times each term and the teachers have come together, not for an hour of pleasure, but to spend an afternoon in the exchange of ideas and the discussion of ways and means pertaining to self-improvement. Papers have been read, topics freely discussed, suggestions given, all of which have made the meetings pleasant and profitable. Besides these meetings held for the benefit of all the teachers, the teachers of the village schools have held their own weekly meetings and the help that they have received from them can hardly be estimated.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

The text book question in Bethel, as in most towns, is a hard question to solve. While the present text book law has its salient points, it is not wholly wanting in its objectionable features. It is commendable in that it provides a uniformity of text books, and supplies pupils that might otherwise go unsupplied, but it is an expensive system and encourages a lack of pride on the part of the pupils in the care of their books. It is surprising to see how quickly boys and girls can wear out or tear out their books, and after making as careful a study of the text book question as I am able to make, I am convinced that we may make all the rules that we wish to make, and en-

force them as rigidly as we may, and still books will be lost and needlessly destroyed in spite of us. There seems to be an impression among many that the books belong to the town and if they are worn out new ones will be supplied. No responsibility is placed upon the pupil. If he owned his books, he would take care of them, and I am fully convinced that if we should give our pupils their books instead of loaning them to them, with the understanding that they were to have one set, and only one, that our text book expense would be reduced one half.

Greenleaf's arithmetic has been exchanged during the past year for Wentworth's, Graves' speller has also been put in place of the Normal. The readers, most of the grammars, and a part of the geographies are also new. A portion of the geographies, a few of the grammars, the histories and physiologies are quite badly worn and will need to be replaced soon.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

Two new school houses have been built during the past year, one at Middle Intervale and the other at Northwest Bethel. The plan at first was to move the school house in the Mason district to Middle Intervale and repair it, but upon more careful investigation that was not considered a profitable thing to do. Hence we found ourselves with only \$500 with which to build two new houses and make the necessary repairs in the various districts; this, coupled with the fact that all kinds of building material took a desperate up-shoot just in time for us to get the benefit, made the building situation look rather discouraging; nevertheless the task was begun and completed, and each of these districts is provided with a house of which the people may be proud. Wood-sheds have also been built in each district, also large pleasant lots have been provided, graded and fenced. The lot at Northwest Bethel contains three-fourths of an acre and was



purchased of Mrs. R. E. Richardson ; the one at Middle Intervale was given by W. W. Chase. The good people of the districts did the grading without expense to the town.

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It will be necessary to have an appropriation this year for repairs. The houses in greatest need of repairs now are the ones at West Bethel Flat and Grover Hill. Each of these should receive attention the coming year. The prospect is that there will need to be some provision made for a school at Bird Hill in the near future. There are now thirteen scholars in that district and several others nearly old enough to attend school. I would recommend also, that this matter receive attention.

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We have succeeded in disposing of all the old school houses of which we have been authorized to dispose. If these houses could have been disposed of when they were first abandoned, they would have brought much more, as they have very much depreciated in value; however, we have done as best we could, and have received in all \$189.

#### NEEDS.

When I said at the beginning of this report, that the results that have been accomplished during the past year are gratifying, I did not mean to infer that nothing more could be done in the way of improvement. On the contrary there are many things to be had ere we see our school privileges brought up to that standard of excellency to which we desire to see them brought.

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Foremost among these needs, is a longer school year. During the past year, we have had 29 weeks of school against 30 weeks last year. This amount of school cannot be had another year unless a larger appropriation

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is made. Our school fund another year, providing the town raises its usual amount, will be about \$300 less than the amount expended this year. This reduction will naturally cut the schools down about three weeks. Attention is called to this fact in order that our voters may act intelligently in making their appropriation, and it is hoped that a sufficient appropriation may be made to insure a school year of 30 weeks.

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Some provision should be made to have our school property insured. None of us would consider it policy to allow our own property to remain uninsured, and certainly the same argument applies in case of the town's property. I would therefore recommend that a reasonable amount of insurance be placed upon our school buildings that are not protected by insurance at the present time.

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It is a painful fact that many of our parents allow their children to attend school irregularly. Our school year is short enough at the best, and scholars who are allowed to attend irregularly are not only losing time that will remain forever lost, but they are hindering the progress of their class mates. The present truant law, however, is very severe, and, when properly enforced, does much toward bringing about more regular attendance.

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I would also urge the necessity of parents visiting the schools occasionally, when it is convenient for them to do so. Show the teacher and pupils that you are interested in what they are doing, and you will surely inspire them to better work. The schools that make the most progress are, invariably, the ones where the parents have a keen interest and manifest that interest by visiting the schools occasionally. Parents, visit the school in your district, and when you do so, don't fail to express your apprecia-

tion of what is being done, and, though you may not realize it, you will be doing much toward making your school a success.

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In conclusion, I wish to thank the people of Bethel for the kindly support that they have given me in the performance of my duties during the two years that the schools have been committed to my care. It has been a pleasure to know that my efforts, however feeble they may have been, have been appreciated, and it is sincerely hoped and expected that the same appreciation and courtesy that I have received may be extended to my successor

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BOWLER, *Supt. of Schools.*

## Warrant for Town Meeting.

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To H. H. Bean, a constable in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in Odeon hall, in said town, on the 5th day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To see what discount will be made on all taxes paid before a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid at a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 9. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.



- Art. 10. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.
- Art. 13. To choose one member of the school committee.
- Art. 14. To choose a Superintendent of Schools and establish the pay for same.
- Art. 15. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of building and repairing school houses.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase text books for the ensuing year.
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build the road around Capen hill, so called, leading from Ossian Stanley's to Mrs. Carrie Sanborn's, as laid out by the County Commissioners.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.



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- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest on outstanding notes and bonds.
- Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes or hire money to pay the same.
- Art. 26. To receive and allow accounts.
- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the house of Stephen H. Foster to the old Hodgdon place.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doing thereon.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office March 3rd, 1900, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February, 1900.

S. B. TWITCHELL,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bethel.</i>
C. E. BARKER,		
F. J. RUSSELL,		

